

Please insert the following section title before the second paragraph on page seven, that is, before the paragraph beginning, "According to Fig. 1, * * *":

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims in "clean" format:

1. (Amended) A method for performing a test for acceptability in the acceptance of bank notes by automatic vending machines, the method comprising: feeding a bank note to a digitalization station via a transport unit, at least partially digitizing the bank note to create digitized data and comparing the digitized data with a stored data in a computer unit, which performs a determination of value, and renders an automatic decision regarding acceptability; if the automatic decision regarding acceptability is negative, generating an image of the digitized data in order to allow its visual inspection by a service employee, who then renders a final decision regarding acceptability.

2. (Amended) The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the digitizing of the bank note is accomplished by scanning.

3. (Amended) The method in accordance with claim 1; further comprising performing an image data comparison in form of data comparison.

4. (Amended) The method in accordance with claim 1; further comprising, if the automatic decision is negative, performing a detailed inspection of adjustable parameters, in order that a preliminary decision between a direct rejection of the bank note and a final decision by a service employee may be rendered automatically.

5. (Amended) The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the service employee via keyboard input registers the final decision regarding acceptance.

6. (Amended) The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein, during the generating of the image, automatically marking the areas of deviation that prompted the negative automatic decision regarding acceptance.

7. (Amended) A device used in automatic vending machines to accept bank notes, with a test for acceptability, the device comprising: at least one unit for receiving a bank note, a transport/feed unit, a digitization unit, a computer unit, an image display unit, an input unit, and a unit for returning, advancing, collecting, and stacking the bank notes.

8. (Amended) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the digitalization unit is a scanner.

9. (Amended) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the digitalization unit is a digital camera.

10. (Amended) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the image display unit is a monitor.

11. (Amended) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the input unit is a keyboard.

12. (Amended) The device in accordance with claim 7, further comprising supplementary signal units for optical and acoustic indicators.

Please add the following new claim:

13. (Newly Added) The device in accordance with claim 7, further comprising supplementary signal units for optical or acoustic indicators.